

Dade Heritage Trust Board Meeting May 14, 1975

President John Gibson called meeting to order at 8:20 P.M. Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer Ludo Blanc reported treasury had \$2400 money for Key West trip was \$3236 cost of trip was \$2776 we cleared \$460 on the trip balance now 2483

Marty Grafton suggested DHT have a special Bicentennial project and have it approved by Third Century so we could get their community services and publicity they have a large mailing list.

Dolly McIntyre said she had notified Third Century of our guidebook to historic sites in Miami and had no response from them. Marty said she would check into this and have the guidebook made official. She invited those interested to a meeting at her home Friday May 17 at 9:00 A.M. with Third century people. Hohn said he would attend.

Dolly mentioned the membership list needs updating and she had enlisted 3 new members recently. Marty suggested the dues reminders soon to be sent out also include the amounts previously paid as a reminder. Motion was passed to revise dues reminder in this manner.

Mary Dorsey reported Mr. Fraser and Mrs. Fritz of Opa-Locka had contacted her and offered to cooperate with the survey committee and in other way involving Opa Locka. She invited them to attend DHT general meeting May 20th to see the program "Stations" as the Opa Locka people are particularly concerned with saving their railroad station.

Sally Jude expressed satisfaction with the Key West trip. The Board members gave Sally special thanks for her hard work to make the trip the success it was.

Dolly announced and Oral History Workshop would be given at the HASF May 23 from 9 to 10:30 A.M. and invited those interested to attend.

It was reported that no progress had been made on the Building Code project. Dolly read a letter from Joe Harrison saying he had discussed the building code problems with Mayor Clark and seeking support from DHT.

Marty and Sally reported they had attended the Florida Historical Society May 8-9-10. The FHS is planning a membership drive and a new mailing brochure which will give more information about the organization and its goals. They are busy planning their annual meeting to be held in Miami May 1976 at the Four Ambassadors. Marty thought a DHT official should attend this meeting and DHT act as hospitality group. It ~~was~~ was agreed this is a good idea but we should wait to be asked to do this, then a committee will be formed. The workshop had good speakers on interesting subjects, Sally said.

Dolly mentioned the possibility of a federation of Fla. historical groups. Marty supports the idea but says they need to get together for an open discussion on this. She was asked if transcripts of the workshop lectures would be available and replied they would be published in the Fla. Historical Society journal.

A motion was passed for DHT to join FHS and receive this journal. Marty said she would give us the 1975 membership and the Board thanked her. At a future date, as members, DHT would offer to help at the annual meeting.

Beth Reported that the May 15 membership coffee was planned for 50 people. Many had accepted and also taken out memberships. She had been called about the Key West trip and news about DHT given at the HASF she said more membership participation is needed.

Dolly mentioned that we should have an evening membership party in the fall for people unable to attend in the daytime, This idea was liked but no action was taken.

John offered to check out the possibility of addressograph mailing through the Museum of Science. He said the telephone committee has done very well.

Dolly read a letter from Julia Fields of the Black Grove Organization about the Macedonia Baptist Church, they need help in researching it. Motion was passed for DHT to offer assistance.

Dolly read a letter from Virginia Ballard of Miami Pioneer Descendants asking DHT to help with a petition to the Dade County Historic Monument Board to get a historic marker for the Miami Cemetery honoring Miami Pioneers. Motion was passed to support this worthy project.

Marty pointed out that there are 2 government advisory groups the Dade County Historic Monument Board and the Miami Memorial Committee, she had been offered a post on the latter but refused for possible conflict of interest. She said the Miami Memorial Committee was making a study of 6th Ave.

Dolly reported developments in the battle to save Bayshore Drive. She had asked the city commission to designate it a historic highway, the Board agreed to seek this designation but would have to present the idea for county approval also. Arva Parks is researching it and the proposal would be presented again on May 22, Dolly asked for a large group of DHT members to show up in support. Salye Jude said she would attend and represent DHT. Historic highway status would be sought for the entire roadway from Cutler Rd. to intersection of and including So Miami Ave. to preserve the beautiful trees there.

A letter was read from the Washington chapter of the A.I.A. regarding their project "200 years of American religious architecture" and asking for a list of churches in our area. Sam Boldrick said he would take care of this.

Dolly said Margaret Kunz president of the Villagers had offered their group to co-sponsor tours. It was pointed out that the Villagers helped to found the DHT and with 2 groups working we could have more expensive tours. We could still have our own tours perhaps short walking and driving tours. Sam suggested the 2 groups collaborate for out-of-state tours and this was agreed to.

Sam Boldrick ~~xxx~~ reported the book committee had made up a dummy book to use as a guide but they needed help for Miami Beach and the Northern area. Mary suggested Oscar Eberhardt to help with Miami Beach research, Sam would contact him. Sallye suggested Frances Boughton to help with M.B. it was mentioned there are many 1913 houses on the Beach to be checked out.

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Ludo/suggested a working deadline schedule for completion of book and was treated to a tale of woe about the difficulties in doing so with so few people working on the book despite nearly 6 months of weekly meetings and invitations to attend them. We would try to have it ready for Christmas sales.

Kathy Ramsey had made tentative inquiries about First Federal Savings and Loan helping to finance the book as a Bicentennial project said there is some interest but we will need impressive information to show them, preferably a dummy book.

It was announced the next Board meeting would be June 12th at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Ludovico Blanc.

It was announced that pictures of the Key West trip would be shown at the May 20 DHT general meeting and also initiation of new officers in addition to the feature film.

Sam invited attendance at the May 22 book committee meeting at his home.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Submitted by Secretary Mary Dorsey.